

Florence Council Slashes Salaries

General Reduction for Policemen and Others—City Attorney Quits

Florence, June 4.—The new city council has declared war on the salaries of city employees. In the first place the city clerk and treasurer who also acts as treasurer of the school board and handles several hundred thousand dollars during the course of the year, has been cut from \$300 a month to \$200 a month, and the pay of his assistant has been trimmed \$35 a month. Policemen who have heretofore received \$150 a month are cut to \$100 to start with, but they are promised uniforms at the expense of the city, and increases in six months if they survive the probation period. The salary of city attorney is cut in half and this announcement resulted this afternoon in the immediate resignation of the present holder of this office, Sam J. Royal, who figures that his time could be spent to better personal advantage, particularly in view of the several matters pending regarding bond issues which require a good deal of careful time and attention. The offices of sanitary inspector and collector under the new order of things are combined, saving another hundred a month or so. In the official call for applications no mention is made of a health officer. It is understood that council wishes to reorganize this department and that there is some question whether there will be a health officer or not. The salaries of all city employees down to the day laborers have been reduced drastically.

Six Men Involved in Georgia Fight

One Man Dead and Three Others Wounded. Sheriff Holds Two

Atlanta, Ga., June 6.—One man is dead, three others are said to be dying, and two are in jail at Lyons as a result of a gun battle staged between six well-known and prominent farmers of this (Foombs) county this morning.

A dispute over school matters several weeks ago is said to have been responsible for the shooting. The men met in a public road in the lower section of the county, near Center church.

The dead: W. M. Galbraith, 45. Those believed to be fatally wounded: Tom Tippet, Galbraith's son-in-law, wounded in hip and abdomen. Cleo Matthews, 50, wounded in abdomen.

Fred Mathews, wounded in abdomen.

The sheriff says he is holding Tom Galbraith and Mannie M. Booth, another son-in-law of W. M. Galbraith in connection with the shooting.

Visitors to the scene, after the smoke had cleared away, found Galbraith's body in the middle of the road and Cicero Matthews and his son were huddled in a wagon drawn by two mules. Tippet was in the dead near the body of his father-in-law.

All of the men were heavily armed when they chanced to meet on the highway.

Warning From Judge

No Disorder Permitted in Charlotte Strike

Charlotte, N. C., June 6.—"Don't expect any light sentences from me if you continue to gather in crowds and create disturbances; I shall have to give road sentences if this happens again," said Judge J. Lawrence Jones, in police court today in announcing verdict in case of three men charged with disorder in connection with the textile workers strike.

James G. Boyd, striker, was fined \$50 for assaulting with deadly weapon. A. O. Ferrell, mill overseer was fined \$25 for assault "at point of a pistol," and Frank Caldwell, striker, was taxed with the costs on a technical charge of disorderly conduct.

No gathering or disorder was reported today in connection with the strike.

Has Narrow Escape

Horse Killed and Wagon Demolished by Locomotive

Spartanburg, June 6.—W. M. Wright, who resides at 130 Dickson street, while crossing the railroad track leading from the station to the human cotton mills about noon today, was run into by an engine which was shifting cars, his horse killed, his wagon demolished and he was badly injured. He suffered injury of one hip, his right arm and breast. He was taken to his home where he was thoroughly examined to find the extent of the injuries. The horse was mutilated. Mr. Wright had been to his farm in the mountains to take his horses to the pasture and was returning home. An automobile passed just in front of him and raised a dust which obscured his vision and he did not see the oncoming train until it was right on him.

Rub-My-Tism cures sore.

Washington, June 7.—Coal operators opposed what they characterized as further governmental interference at conference with the interior department.

Rub-My-Tism kills infection.

Nashville, June 7.—Gifts of three million dollars from the general education board and the Rockefeller foundation for Vanderbilt University have been announced.

666 cures Chills and Fever.

Mrs. Stillman Cites Woman Named Clara

If She is Permitted to Amend Answer Additional Co-Respondent Will Be Named

New York, June 6.—A woman known as "Clara" will be named by Mrs. Annie U. Stillman as an additional co-respondent in the divorce suit brought by her husband, James A. Stillman, millionaire banker, if she is permitted to amend her answer, John F. Brennan, her counsel, announced tonight. The woman's full name and address, he added, are not known at present. Mrs. Florence A. Leeds, a former Broadway chorus girl, was named in the original reply to Mr. Stillman's charges.

Earlier in the day he had obtained from Supreme Justice Keough at New Rochelle, an order requiring referee Daniel Gleason who has been taking testimony in the case to show cause Saturday why further hearings in the case should not be postponed.

Serious Charges Against Police

Committee Reports to Atlanta Council. Would Make Change

Atlanta, Ga., June 6.—Whiskey has been openly sold at various places operated in Atlanta and for the last two or three years an organized gang of swindlers and confidence men has operated here, "almost without any effort on the part of the police and detective department to prevent it," according to the report made to the city council late today by the council committee that recently concluded an investigation of the police and detective departments.

The report termed Chief of Police James L. Beaver, Chief of Detective Lamar Poole and various members of their forces "incompetent" and declared both departments are "seething with politics."

Action on the report was postponed until the next meeting of the council.

The report recommended abolishing the board of police commissioners and having council elect a chief of police directly responsible to it, abolishing the detective department and having the police chief assign policemen in plain clothes to do detective work and substitution of the merit system in place of civil service in the police department.

"Living wages" for members of the force and discontinuance of the cash bond surety and of the practice of permitting policemen to get part of the money from the sale of confiscated liquor cars were advocated. Better filing and identification systems at police station, three new substations and a number of other changes were asked. Salaries instead of the fee system for officers of the criminal courts also were recommended.

GOVERNMENT'S CARE OF ITS DISABLED SOLDIERS

Washington, June 7.—Characteristic instances among the thousands of cases of disabled veterans of the World War handled by the American Red Cross in its effort to obtain for these men the compensation, medical treatment and vocational training due them under the Federal statutes, are described in an announcement made here today. Taking this form the announcement seeks to bring home to ex-service men everywhere what the Red Cross is doing for thousands of their comrades and stands ready to do for all in this leading activity of its peace time program.

Fulfilling its pledge to provide for ex-service men the service that official agencies cannot provide the Red Cross is maintaining a service for veterans that is already costing approximately \$10,000,000 annually and increasing in extent constantly. It is obliged to continue this service until all disabled men are restored to a normal civilian status and to this end, 2,514 chapters and hundreds of branches and auxiliaries, linking obscure communities as well as cities in all parts of the country with the National Capital, are chiefly engaged in liquidating this obligation. In these chapters are workers, schooled in the technicalities of the various Federal statutes applying to the disabled veteran, who are in a position to point out to him wherein he is entitled to compensation, medical treatment or training, and the procedure necessary to bring his case to the attention of the proper government bureau. Dealing directly with the government bureau or through National Headquarters of the Red Cross the chapter aids the man in filing and following up his claim, provides temporary assistance and where it is needed cares for the man's family and himself until compensation begins, and he is in a position to care for himself.

In the hospitals the Red Cross provides for his recreation, keeps him in touch with his home and in countless ways removes from his mind the worries that delay his recovery and restoration to home life. Any man who has a disability that can be traced to his service may, through a questionnaire sent out by many of the chapters, place his case in the hands of the Red Cross. As a result of this thousands of cases are being received monthly and in many instances men who know nothing of the provision made for their assistance are brought to the attention of the government.

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County Board Meeting

Engineer Jeffords Makes Report—Contract For Wateree Bridge Filed. Cotton Weighers to Keep Strict Report

The regular board meeting was held June 7th. Those present were Vice-chairman Oliver, and members J. J. Britton, W. M. Lenoir, E. T. Mims and C. G. Rowland.

Chairman Oliver expressed the pleasure of the other members of the board at having Mr. Rowland on the board, and said he knew his services would be of value to the county. Mr. Rowland stated that his time was always fully occupied, but he was always glad to give of his time and public service where it could be of benefit.

Judge of Probate Richardson and Compulsory Agent Hutchinson made statements to the board relative to the work which had been done by the Red Cross Home Service department, and asked the board to assist in maintaining this work in the county. The board promised to give this their consideration but stated that it was limited in expenses by the supply.

Mr. L. E. Wood appeared relative to getting concession on a license for selling patent medicine by one Mr. Gibbs. The board advised him that they had no jurisdiction in the matter as these licenses were collectible by the clerk of court.

Douglas Neal appeared before the board relative to a claim he had in for transportation of Aline Smiling to the State Hospital for the Insane in Columbia. There being some apparent conflict in the law as to whether the state or the county paid the transportation charges in such cases the matter was ordered referred to the county attorney and adjustment made on basis of his advice.

Requisition for Superintendent Nunnemaker of the alms house for two pairs of shoes for the inmates was allowed.

A delegation consisting of Messrs. Barkley, Zeigler and Griffin appeared before the board asking that the route of the new road to be built in the Privateer section be slightly changed at a certain point and be made to run on a line between their property. After discussing this matter with Engineer Jeffords who had gone over the ground but had not made actual survey, the board instructed Engineer Jeffords to do what was most practicable in the matter when an actual survey was made. The board favored locating the road on the line between the properties if this was practicable.

The minutes of May 3rd was read and approved.

Engineer Jeffords reported that a convict had developed typhoid fever and had been put in Tuomey hospital by Dr. Andrews, and as the expense was liable to be heavy he had asked Dr. Andrews to appear before the board and make statement. Dr. Andrews stated that this was an unusual case of typhoid—that he blood diagnosis had proved negative but that the fever continued, and that the patient was now in a delirious condition. The board decided that the county would have to take care of the patient under the circumstances.

Mr. Rowland moved that a committee of two be appointed to confer with the hospital authorities and see if some concessions could not be arranged with them for taking care of these county patients. Dr. Andrews to cooperate with such committee if necessary.

The chair appointed on this committee Messrs. Rowland and Britton.

Engineer Jeffords reported the main gang had finished working in the Rembert section and were now working in the Hagood section. The jail chaingang working the main roads leading out of Sumter, and the secondary gang in the Shiloh-Mayeville section. He stated that there had been a good deal of rain during the last month which had caused trouble on the roads. He stated to the board for information that he had purchased a car of corrugated culvert pipe. He advised that the jail yard fence was in a very bad shape and needed rebuilding, also repairs were needed to the barn and stables at the jail. Mr. Rowland stated that in view of the fact that a new jail might shortly be built, that he thought it best to make temporary repairs to the fence and stables. Engineer was instructed to proceed along this line.

Report was received from Jailer Owens to the effect that the plumbing in the jail was in very bad shape. Engineered Jeffords and Jailer Owens were instructed to have the necessary repairs made.

Engineer Jeffords is placing a high power light in the jail yard, as a precaution against escape of prisoners. He was directed to ascertain the cost of installing such a light and maintaining same, and report back to the board.

Engineer Jeffords reported the loss of a mule during the last week. He stated that the county would not have to purchase a new mule to take the place of this one, as long as it had the use of treated mules. He also reported another mule in bad shape with a sore shoulder, and advised that he was negotiating a trade for this mule.

Engineer reported a prisoner sick with chronic bowel complaint, and stated that he was very little use to the county chain gang work. He was directed to send this prisoner to the penitentiary.

County Attorney Jennings appeared in connection with the suit of Annie H. Bradford administratrix, estate of J. K. Bradford against the county, and stated that the plaintiff had a judgment against the county in this case for \$1,800. He had effected a compromise with the plaintiffs attorneys for \$850.00, and advised settlement on this basis. The board authorized settlement on this basis.

The clerk presented reports from the State Board of Public Welfare on the various institutions of the county, which reports had been previously

published by the State Board. Requisition was received for a new lawn mower and the board directed to see if the old mower could not be repaired.

Requisition was received from Clerk of Court Scarborough for new window shades for his office. This was referred to Commissioner Britton with power to act.

The Clerk reported receipts from the State Highway department of two copies of contracts covering the Wateree river bridge construction, and these were ordered filed.

Report of a recent audit of the county officers was rec'd and considered.

Engineer stated that it would be economy to work out such roads in Northwest section of the county where the main gang was now located before moving it to the Privateer section. He stated that this would take about six weeks. He was directed to see what he could do in this direction within the next thirty days and report to the board at its next meeting.

The Clerk reported that he had a communication from the Audit company of the south, offering to check all bills of freight and express on either a per diem or a 50 per cent interest in net results basis. The board authorized the employment of this firm on this work on the 50 per cent net basis with the understanding that the county be put to no expense.

A letter was received and considered from Mr. I. C. Strauss, president of the Tuomey Hospital asking that the county make an appropriation from its pauper funds to aid in the expense of taking care of needy cases of the county at the hospital. This was referred to the committee. Messrs. Rowland and Britton, to handle with the Tuomey Hospital authorities at the same time they conferred with them relative to charges made against the county for convict cases.

The clerk was directed to advertise an election for cotton weigher to be held at the meeting of the board July 5th.

Commissioner Rowland stated that on several occasions he had experienced difficulty in getting the records of cotton weighed by the cotton weighers and thought that some arrangements should be made whereby the cotton weighers would be required to keep a permanent record showing the seller, the purchaser, marks on bales, weights and other details of all cotton being weighed by them, and that such books when filled should be filed in a safe place for reference. This suggestion was adopted and the clerk was notified to notify the weighers to this effect.

The surety bonds of Treasurer B. C. Wallace and Rural Policemen Alex Norris and Sam Newman were approved.

Reports were received from Rural Policemen. Home Demonstration agent and Cotton Weighers as to scale tests and were ordered filed.

A complaint from the Postal Telegraph and Cable Company as to damages to its lines caused by a tree being cut across them by the chain gang was ordered referred to county attorney for advice.

Several claims before the board for expenses contracted by the Permanent Roads Commission in connection with the bond election, and the sale of bonds were objected to by the board and the clerk was directed to get a definite statement from the commission as to what the total cost of this work would be.

After approving other bills before it the board adjourned.

The County Court.

Editor Daily Item: Feeling a deep interest in the election to decide whether or not we are to have a county court in Sumter county, of which I am heartily in favor, I have written representative men in the three counties in this state where they have such a court, for an expression from them on the subject. I beg to hand you herewith the first reply I have to my letters and will thank you very kindly to publish same as information for the public; and I will send you one other reply each day for publication with your consent, till all have been exhausted. Experience may be an expensive school in many cases but it is dependable. Thanking you. Yours very truly, C. G. Rowland.

Mr. C. G. Rowland, Sumter, S. C.

Dear Sir: In reply to yours of the 4th, inquiring for my views as to our county court, I wish to say that it has been so far an eminent success. It has jurisdiction in civil cases only, and up to \$3,000. It sits whenever the judge sees fit, and we have a man who is willing to work and who keeps the court going with jury cases for just about half of the time, and when not trying jury cases, he hears equity matters and motions.

Our civil docket was badly congested and just about two years behind when the county court was established. Now both courts are right up to date. The county court only uses six jurors and we have been able to get a very good class of jurors for this court. We can get a case to trial now in the county court in about sixty days, and in the court of common pleas in from sixty to ninety days.

Sometimes we think the county judge is rather arbitrary, but some of that is necessary in order to make lawyers work. For the business man and commercial interest, the county court is certainly a great blessing. You cannot put off and delay indefinitely the trial of an obligation.

The appeal lies direct from the county court to the supreme court, and while we appeal a good many cases, still we can get them tried expeditiously.

Yours very truly, D. W. Robinson.

666 cures Bilious Fever.

Columbus, Ohio, June 7.—The supreme court upholds the constitutionality of the law prohibiting the teaching of German to students who have not completed the seventh grade.

666 cures a Cold quickly.

U. S. Setting Wretched Example

Senator Hitchcock in Address Emphasizes Necessity of League of Nations

Durham, N. C., June 8.—Present depression of business and commerce is demonstrating the pressing necessity of a league of nations. Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, declared in his Trinity College commencement address. He said the United States was "setting a wretched example" for other nations by their present military appropriations.

NEW SHIPPING BOARD CHAIRMAN

Washington, June 8.—President Harding has appointed A. D. Lasker of Chicago chairman of the shipping board and Meyer Lissner, of Los Angeles; T. V. O'Connor, New York; Edward C. Plummer, Maine, Republicans; Admiral Benson, Former Senator Chamberlain, Oregon; Frederick I. Thompson, Mobile, Democrats, other members.

Xenia, Ohio, June 8.—Prosecutor Williamson said the juvenile court will decide the fate of James Blangy, the ten-year-old boy who shot and killed his eight-year-old brother, Virgil, during a quarrel.

Washington, June 8.—Presidential proclamation directing the withdrawal of American military forces from the Dominican republic is expected shortly.

Cullport, Miss., June 7.—Sheriff Hayes announces that all Sunday blue laws will be enforced in the future. Moving picture shows have been notified to stay closed Sundays and baseball is forbidden.

666 cures Dengue Fever.

Washington, June 7.—The visit of Associate Justice Day to the president revives speculation concerning the appointment of Chief Justice to the supreme court.

Rub-My-Tism kills pain.

Washington, June 7.—Secretary Weeks has recommended for appointment Brigadier General Richards of Pennsylvania as chief of the militia bureau.

666 cures Biliousness.

Cleveland, June 7.—Reputation of their administration by American Zionist organization convention caused the resignation of Judge Mack and six other officers and thirty-five of the fifty members of the executive committee.

666 cures Malarial Fever.

Lawyer's Committee Commence Campaign

County Court Meetings Held in Wedgfield and Rembert

At a recent meeting of the Sumter Bar Association a committee of lawyers was appointed to make out a program and to canvass the county in the interest of the county court if such action was deemed necessary.

Meetings were held Tuesday night, according to schedule, in Wedgfield and in Remberts, these being the first of the series of meetings which are to be held throughout the county. The meeting at Wedgfield was held in the school house with some twenty-five or thirty voters present. Bar members, A. S. Harby, S. K. Nash, Judge R. O. Purdy, candidate for judge of the county court and J. B. Duffie, candidate for county court solicitor were on the program for the addresses of the evening. The main speech of the evening was made by Mr. A. S. Harby, who explained the court in detail and answered a number of objections which he had heard to the county court. The meeting took the form of a general discussion and all the citizens present, inclusive of several ladies, appeared very interested, asking numerous questions covering all phases of the workings of such a court.

The meeting at Remberts was under the direction of Lawyers J. H. Clifton, L. D. Jennings and B. D. Hodges. Candidate for county court judge. The attendance at this meeting was not large owing to the inadequate advertising of it. All voters present, however, seemed to be satisfied that a county court for Sumter would be a very good move. This meeting also took the form of an informal discussion.

A similar meeting will be held at Dalzell tonight. The public is cordially invited to attend this meeting. The committee expressed themselves as being anxious to have the opponents to the county court attend these meetings and enter into the friendly discussions.

Wage Reduction Sought

Chicago, June 7.—A petition asking a reduction of wages of nearly 100,000 employes in the meat packing industries was filed today with Judge Alschuler, of the United States District Court, by the Allied Packing interests. Judge Alschuler is the official arbitrator agreed upon by employers and employes under a continuation of a war time agreement.

The petition asked that the wages of hour workers be reduced five cents an hour and that the same proportionate reduction also be applied to piece workers' rates. The petition cited as reasons the changed working conditions, the unemployment situation and the fact that the packers are not earning a profit. It was expected that a hearing would be held the latter part of the week.

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